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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to ask in the strongest way possible that you rescind the unjust and coercive mandate that all "contraceptives" and sterilization procedures be covered by private health insurance with no co-pay to patients. If you will not reverse course, I ask you to expand conscience protections for any organizations that provide individual and group insurance and have moral or religious objections. I strongly oppose the government forcing any business or other public or private entity to provide FREE insurance coverage for procedures and/or devices that are attached to private decisions concerning controversial issues such as birth control and abortion.

I also ask that you reconsider your definition of "religious employer" and offer an authentic conscience protection for any organization and business that has moral or religious objection to providing such insurance to their employees. This legal mandate clearly violates the spirit of conscience laws which prohibit government discrimination against those who object to various health services on moral or religious grounds. The definition of "religious employer" in the regulation is so narrow as to only include churches, but will still mean that a host of businesses and organizations that have conscience objections will be required to choose between either violating their conscience or not offering their employees health insurance.

Please protect the conscience rights of the American people. No American should be forced by the federal government to essentially subsidize services they object to based on either moral or religious reasoning. I again urge you to reverse course and remove contraceptives and sterilizations from the list of mandatory preventive services.

Sincerely,
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